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Rose Plants for 1924



Roberts Rose Company

Each year brings its quota of new rose offerings, wonderful in description, but in most cases found unsatisfactory after a few years. And each year sees some of the old timers discarded.

This season a most notable offering is made. A rose that is described as the most notable new rose in a decade and the finest yellow rose ever introduced. This rose, Souvenir de Claudius Pernet, fortunately does best in moderately cool climates, being a failure in California but a glory here.

Less notable, but very meritorius is America, a big budded pink rose that gives a profusion of bloom. A few old friends are dropped, such as Mrs. Chas. Russell, Etoile de France and Gen. McArthur, but they never were very healthy and there are plenty of others to take their place.

We make it our business to test and observe the new and the old, that our list may truly represent all the roses that are just right for our Colorado climate. Our conclusions are influenced largely by the reports from our customers and we withdraw a rose as soon as a majority of those planting it report on it unfavorably.

The great superiority of own root plants for planting here has been so clearly demonstrated that the average gardener uses budded roses only when the others cannot be obtained. And the few roses that will only do well when budded can easily be spared.

It is a certain satisfaction to the rose culturist to have all the plants set out develop evenly. No unsightly gaps are in evidence and no last minute scrambling to replace sickly and dead plants is necessary. For even, vigorous, healthy growth, plant pot grown plants. Then give them a chance by removing the buds for a couple of months. Handled thus, your roses will repay your every effort and expense each season.

HINTS FOR PLANTING ROSES

To get the most out of roses they should be planted in an open unshaded place as nearly level as possible. The ground that gives the best result is heavy clay, well drained; but any ordinarily heavy soil will suffice. No fertilizer, should be used in the bed unless it is buried at least two feet. Ground bone meal should be spaded in to the extent of a half pound to the square yard.

Bedding roses should be spaced about 16 inches each way. Knock the rose plant, dirt and all, out of the pot and set about 1½ inches deeper in the ground than in the pot and press the earth firmly around the ball of roots.

Water profusely when watering. Do it in the morning. Cultivate frequently. Do not water again until it is really needed, then soak the bed again.

HYBRID TEA ROSES IN WHITE
Angelus—A new big yellowish white rose *Double White Killarney—Very free bloomer *Kaiserin—Very fragrant White Cochet (Tea)—Old time favorite *White Ophelia—Long budded, pink center
YELLOW AND SALMON TINTS
Annie Laurie—Double Ophelia Amelia Gude—Good sized saffron yellow Duchess of Wellington—Yellow Killarney Golden Ophelia—Small but choice Irish Fireflame—Single Flame colored Lady Hillingdon (Tea)—Clear yellow. A fine bud *Mme. Butterfly—Pinkish Ophelia Mrs. A. R. Waddell—Salmony pink *Ophelia—Very reliable Souv. C. Pernet—The finest big yellow ever introduced. In a class by itself.—\$2.50. *Sunburst Senateur Mascuraud—A good very light yellow *Unnamed Salmon—A choice bedding rose. In the bud showing wonderful copper tones
LIGHT PINK ROSES
*America—New—A very fine medium pink bedder—\$1.00 *Columbia—A fine big flower
DARK PINK ROSES
*Burbank—A dark Hermosa
RED ROSES
*American Beauty—Still very popular *Crusader—Very double dark red Francis Scott Key—The largest red *Gruss an Teplitz—The* freest bloomer Hadley—A fragrant very dark red Hoosier Beauty Laurent Carle—A good growing large rose *Legion—A great grower, fragrant, satisfactory *Red Columbia—A fine color, nearly single *Red Radiance—As good as Radiance Sensation—New. A big fragrant red—\$1.00 Templar—New. Like a red Ophelia—\$1.00

We especially recommend roses marked*

BABY RAMBLER RUSES
Baby Etoile Luisante—Baby Herriot
WHITE CLIMBING ROSES
Mary Lovett-Fine large double flowers, glossy
foliage
YELLOW CLIMBING ROSES
*Emily Gray-Full golden yellow flowers. Fine
glossy foliage Electra—Tiny orange pink flowers over a long
season
blooming pillar rose Prof. C. S. Sargent—Yellow Dorothy Perkins Shower of Gold—Fine glossy foliage
LIGHT PINK CLIMBERS Alida Lovett—A good large pink; glossy leaves *Christine Wright—Large double flowers *Dorothy Perkins—The best known climber Dr. Van Fleet—Shell pink, glossy leaves Elizabeth Zeigler—Frilled Dorothy Perkins Lady Gay—Improved Dorothy Perkins Rosarie—Pink Tausendschoen *Tausendschoen—A wonderful bloomer
DARK PINK CLIMBERS
*American Pillar—One of the very best. White center *Hiawatha—Fine in masses. Single deep rose flowers Minnehaha—Larger and darker than Hiawatha
RED CLIMBERS
Bess Lovett—An improved climbing beauty
Climbing American Beauty Excelsa—Very reliable
*Flower of Fairfield—Improved crimson *Pauls Scarlet Climber—The best big red
Pauls Carmine Pillar—Best in its color

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

All these roses can be seen growing in our gardens, where their comparative merits may be considered. You are invited to visit them.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT RAMBLERS AND HYBRID PERPETUALS WILL NOT BLOOM THE FIRST YEAR.

Except where otherwise stated the above in four-inch flower pots are sold as follows:

\$.65 each \$6.50 per dozen \$50.00 per hundred

These roses can be planted in April if ample protection against frost is available but we recommend the tenth to twentieth of May as the best time for planting.



HARDY PERRENIALS

In addition to roses, we offer a wide selection of the best in:

LILIES
PEONIES
IRIS
PHLOX

and all other varieties of hardy perennial plants. And we have specimens of them all growing in the garden for your inspection. One corner of the garden is being devoted to rock and Alpine plants, and by another year, we expect it to be rather notable in its way. Lists of any of the above will be furnished upon request.

It is our aim to show in this garden everything in the way of hardy plants that can be grown successfully in this climate. We seek the new and unique plants that they may be tested beside the things our Grandmothers knew. The range of plants available for use in Colorado is amazingly great. All that we learn is recorded so that the information derived from this garden is at your disposal.

Our garden is located at 3450 South Emerson Street, just east of Englewood.

We are now in a position to give cultural information of any kind from our experience in regard to any plants. Write, phone or call on us for anything you want to know. From time to time cultural leaflets will be sent out on special subjects, to those indicating their interest in such subjects.

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